

Summary of NASGP *affiliate* Freelance GP (aFGP) Scheme

- Voluntary 'Do-It-Yourself' scheme for any Freelance GP (GP Locum)
- Developed as an alternative to the NASGP's Sessional GP Support Scheme (SGPST) concept for those Freelance GPs who want more out of working Freelance but where a SGPST either doesn't exist or is less suitable to their needs.
- In its current guise, our scheme is the concept of a formal or informal mutually advantageous relationship between an individual Freelance GP and a GP practice.
- The aFGP does not necessarily have to work in that practice

Advantages of being an aFGP

1. Access to **Continuing Medical Education** organised through the practice
2. **Revalidation** – the aFGP will be working within a GMC approved environment.
3. **Mentoring**
4. Access to **audit** data
5. **Support** from colleagues
6. learn or maintain **partnership skills**
7. Improved **quality** through enhanced access to learning, protocols etc
8. Improved availability of **work** by association with the host practice
9. Access to facilities and support to enable the aFGP to study for the **MRCGP** exam.

Advantages to practice hosting an aFGP

1. The aFGP may have **skills, knowledge and experience** above and beyond that of the current practice members that can be imported into that practice.
2. The aFGP may improve the quality and balance of clinical and other **practice meetings**
3. **Mentoring & support**, for example by balancing skills, gender, age, or race within a practice.
4. 'Preferred' Freelance GP who knows and understands the practice.
5. **Teaching** – working in many practices, the aFGP can bring a unique balance to registrar and student teaching.
6. **Recruitment** by introducing a new GP to a practice that otherwise does not often use temporary GPs nor has the need for a salaried GP.
7. An aFGP may be assigned to a '**portfolio**' within the practice where they have particular qualities of experience e.g. diabetic care, dermatology, education, mentoring

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